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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 3969

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SUBJECT: QADHAFI TO VISIT RABAT

1. SEMI-OFFICIAL DAILY LE MATIN ANNOUNCED AUGUST 15 THAT QADHAFI WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO RABAT FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF VISITS OF MINISTERS IN NEAR FUTURE. ANNOUNCEMENT COMES DURING TRIPOLI JAUNT OF ROYAL CABINET DIRECTOR BENSOUDA, WHO ISSUED INVITATION TO QADHAFI DURING PREVIOUS VISIT IN JUNE (RABAT 2871).

2. MOROCCAN-LIBYAN CONTACTS OBVIOUSLY HAVE SAHARA ASPECT. SPANISH HERE, FOR INSTANCE, SEE LATEST BENSOUDA VISIT AS PREDOMINANTLY RELATED TO RECENT QADHAFI DEMARCHE TO GOS ON SAHARA (RABAT 3855). "RAPPROCHEMENT" WITH TRIPOLI AT SAME TIME FALLS INTO BROADER CONTEXT OF KING'S EVIDENT DESIRE TO CLOSE ALL
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GAPS IN HIS ARAB RELATIONS AND CREATE MORE POSITIVE BALANCE

FOR MOROCCO VIS-A-VIS ALGERIA WITHIN MAGHREB.

3. GOOD RELATIONS WITH QADHAFI CLEARLY NO SIMPLE MATTER,
HOWEVER. IT DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE HIS MUCH PUBLICIZED
PRO-MOROCCAN SAHARA STAND WITH LATEST ANOMALY, ACCORDING TO
ALGERIAN EMBASSY SOURCE HERE, THAT LIBYANS ALLOWING F POLISARIO
TO OPEN TRIPOLI OFFICE.
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